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1. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER THE AUGUST 29 CABINET MEETING ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICHs ANNOUNCED THAT THE CABINET HAD APPROVED THE ENERGY POLICY PAPER PRESENTED BY HIS MINISTRY. THE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THIS PROPOSAL WERE REPORTED IN REFTEL; THE PAPER ITSELF WILL BE RELEASED AFTER THE CABINET COMPLETES ITS BUDGET CONSIDERATION IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

2. IN HIS REMARKS FRIDERICHs SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO GIVE ENERGY POLICY A HIGH PRIORITY AT A TIME WHEN CRISES AND SHORTAGES CAN NO LONGER BE EXCLUDED AND WHEN POLITICAL QUESTIONS ARE A MAJOR ASPECT OF ALL ENERGY PROBLEMS. THE FRG, FRIDERICHs CONTINUED, HAD TO ACCEPT MAJOR DEPENDENCE ON OIL THROUGH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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1980S BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE; BUT ITS

POLICY WOULD BE TO PREVENT AN INCREASE IN THE DEGREE OF DEPENDENCE ON OIL. OIL AND GAS, AS OPPOSED TO COAL, WERE THE HEART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM.

3. THE GOVERNMENT, FRIDERICH'S SAID, WILL LEND INCREASED SUPPORT TO COOPERATION WITH OVERSEAS GAS AND OIL PRODUCERS. IN THE OIL FIELD, THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED THE FORMATION OF A GERMAN PETROLEUM COMPANY, WITH VEBA AS THE NUCLEUS, TO FACILITATE THIS COOPERATION.

4. FRIDERICH'S SAID THE GOVERNMENT SOUGHT TO AVOID AN INCREASE IN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF DEPENDENCE ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IMPORTS. HE URGED THE INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES TO INVEST IN THE FRG AND ASSURED THAT THE ROLE OF THE INTEGRATED, INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES WAS WELCOMED BY THE FRG WHICH WOULD NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THESE COMPANIES IN ANY EFFORTS TO BUILD UP A GERMAN OIL COMPANY. AS AN EXAMPLE OF THIS POSTURE, HE CITED THAT THE GERMAN AFFILIATES OF BP, ESSO, AND SHELL COULD NOW QUALIFY FOR SUBSIDIES ON TANKERS ORDERED IN THE FRG.
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